Rama Varmha Tampuran.—We do not think it so, because in every Government you will find the same in larger numbers. They all depend upon the communications, for example the Harbour question. There will be a file which will be carried over to 15 or 20 years.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Anyway, do you intend to increase the number of clerks?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—It is not a question of increasing the number of clerks but it is a question of expediting the work. The work will depend upon several other extraneous factors.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—May I know whether the Government have any idea to increase the number of hands in the Huzur Secretariat?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—There is a proposal. The Council has voted for it.

Cochin Central Co-operative Bank.

358. Mr K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform:—

(a) who is the ex-officio treasurer of the Cochin Central Co-operative Bank;

(b) what is meant by the item named departmental dues shown in the Annual Audit report of the Central Co-operative Bank;

(c) how many years has this been recurring in the balance sheet of the said Bank;

(d) from which department has this Bank to realise this amount;

(e) what steps, if any, has this Bank taken to recover this amount; and

(f) what steps have the Government taken to clear off this amount due to the Bank?

Rama Varmha Tampuran;—(a) The local Tahsildar.

(b) "Departmental Dues" is the amount due from the Registrar of Co-operative Societies to the stock section of the Bank

(c) For 10 years from 1099 M. E.

(d) Vide answer to part (b).

(e) Frequent references to the Registrar were sent as in the case of other dues to the section.

(f) There was no necessity for the Government to take any action. The account was closed by the Registrar.

359. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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(a) whether the Central Co-operative Bank has ever found out that the Registrar has collected the arrears due to the Bank from the societies in connection with the sale of ledgers, day-books, cash books, etc.; and if so,

(b) when did the Directors of the Central Bank find this out;

(c) who were the Directors of the Central Bank when this was found out and what steps did they take in the matter;

(d) whether the arrears referred to in sub-division (a) have been realised from the societies concerned; and if so,

(e) whether they have been paid to the Central Bank; and if so, when; and if not paid,

(f) who is holding or has misappropriated the amount;

(g) what action has been taken by the Government in the matter;

(h) whether the Comptroller of Accounts is empowered to conduct the annual audit of the Central Bank?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes. From two societies (1) Karikode Co-operative Society No. 64 and (2) Trippunittura Co-operative Stores Ltd., No. 59.

(b) One in 1097 and the other in 1102.

(c) *Directors in 1097*—

Messrs.
1. M. Mukunda Raja (Chairman)
2. V. K. Varkki (Secretary)
3. P. Govinda Menon, B. A. (Treasurer Ex-Officio)
4. Mathur Vasudevan Namburipad
5. K. S. Subramania Ayyar, B. A.
6. C. A. Ouseph, B. A., B. L.
7. C. Krishna Kartha
8. Vidwan K. P. Karuppan
9. K. S. Rama Ayyar

Directors in 1102.

Messrs.
1. M. Mukunda Raja (Chairman)
2. V. K. Varkki (Secretary)
3. K. Kochunni Menon, B. A. (Treasurer Ex-Officio)
4. C. A. Ouseph, B. A., B. L.
5. K. Sankaran Nambudiri
6. K. X. Joseph
7. Vidwan K. P. Karuppan
8. K. S. Krishnan
9. Padiyath Hydros Kunhamad Haji

The Registrar was requested to remit the amount to the Central Bank.

(d) Yes.

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(e) No. The amounts were utilised for payment of other dues.

(f) No body has held or misappropriated the amount.

(g) There was no necessity for any action.

(h) No.

Sale of articles of the Industrial section of the Museum.

360. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether the Curator of the State Museum had or has brought to the notice of the Government that the value of the articles of the Industrial section of the Museum taken by the Registrar of Co-operative Societies for sale on his responsibility and also the value of the other articles of the section given to the Registrar on credit are still due from him; and if so,

(b) when was this done;

(c) what is the total amount due under each item referred to in sub-division (a);

(d) whether the Government ordered any enquiry to ascertain the exact amount due from the Registrar on these accounts; and if so,

(e) when and by whom;

(f) whether the enquiry report be printed and placed on the table;

(g) what orders, if any, the Government have passed on the enquiry report received by them;

(h) whether the orders passed be printed and placed on the table ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) On the 27th December 1932.

(c) Value of the articles sold on his responsibility Rs. 1,824—10—6.

Value of articles taken by him on credit Rs. 429—4—4.

(d) No, since figures were available.

(e) to (h) Do not arise in view of the answer to (d).

Play-ground for Sirkar High School, Narakkal.

361. Mr. Paul Mampilli.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) have the Government provided a play-ground for Sirkar High School, Narakkal;

(b) is there any vacant space in Narakkal village other than the plot of land where the fish curing yard was located before;

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